

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dennis O. Brenden was born and raised in South Dakota and served in the United States Marines from 1969-1970, with a 12-month tour in Vietnam, and he served the American Legion Department of South Dakota as the Assistant Adjutant from November 2008 to June 2009 and as the Department Adjutant from June 2009 until his retirement date of June 18, 2017; and,

Whereas, As the Chief Operations Officer of the American Legion of South Dakota, Adjutant Brenden promoted trust and honor of the organization, and was instrumental in forming the South Dakota American Legion Foundation; and,

Whereas, Adjutant Brenden served as a legislative advocate, at both the national and the state level, supporting legislation that would enhance the lives of veterans, and was instrumental in the rebuilding the South Dakota Veterans Council, forming a partnership to promote veteran's issues; and,

Whereas, Adjutant Brenden worked diligently with the American Legion Boys State program and the Youth Trooper Academy program in promoting citizenship and developing tomorrow's leaders, and he embraced and fostered the four pillars of the American Legion by promoting patriotism, national defense, rehabilitation, and our children and youth; and,

Whereas, During his tenure, Adjutant Brenden served as the South Dakota American Legion's public relations director and as such was instrumental in designing a new website and Facebook page. Growing the footprint and image of the American Legion was a priority for Dennis, and he traveled over 42,000 miles each year advocating for the American Legion and for South Dakota's veterans; and,

Whereas, Adjutant Brenden holds life memberships in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Marine Corp League; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Adjutant Brenden for his dedication and commitment to South Dakota's veterans and for his outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2017, as

DENNIS O. BRENDEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs in recognizing him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to our veterans.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State